

**MILTON ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 14, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Alfred Debah** of **Milton Academy** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Debah is the third Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Milton Academy.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Debah as Massachusetts’ best high school boys soccer player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Lyle Yorks (1987-88, E.O. Smith High School, Conn.), Alecko Eskandarian (1999-00, Bergen Catholic High School, N.J.) and Ben Bender (2019-20, Calvert Hall College High School, Md.).

The 6-foot-1, 165-pound junior midfielder and forward led the Mustangs to a 19-1-2 record and the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class A Tournament championship this past season. Debah scored 16 goals and passed for six assists, contributing one of each in Milton’s 2-0 win over the Taft School in the title game. He was the NEPSAC Class A Player of the Year and a First Team All-New England selection by the New England Soccer Journal.

A member of the International Student Club and the African Students Association at Milton Academy, Debah has donated his time as a mentor for younger students at his school. “Alfred is one of the most multi-talented players to come through New England in a number of years,” said Chris Kane, head coach of Milton Academy. “He combines that versatility with an incredible work rate and desire to improve. This year, he made the transition from midfield to striker and became the single-most explosive player in all of New England.”

Debah has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on scholarship at Wake Forest University beginning in the fall of 2025.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Debah joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Players of the Year Kaan Inanoglu (2022-23, Milton Academy), Augustine Boadi (2021-22, Northfield Mount Hermon School), Andrew Ortiz (2020-21, Longmeadow High School) and Khamari Hadaway (2019-20, Northfield Mount Hermon School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).